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MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, EXCELLENCIES, FRIENDS:

THIS IS NOT MY FIRST VISIT TO INDIA, NOR MY FIRST EXPOSURE TO INDIAN HOSPITALITY. IN THE PAST WEEKS I HAVE BEEN AT THE TABLE WITH MANY DISTINGUISHED INDIANS IN WASHINGTON. IT IS GOOD TO SEE SOME OF THOSE SAME FAMILIAR FACES HERE TONIGHT IN NEW DELHI. PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS DO NOT OF THEMSELVES MAKE THE WHEELS OF DIPLOMACY TURN, BUT THEY CAN, AND I AM HAPPY TO SAY IN THIS COMPANY, HAVE HELPED TO ADVANCE THE LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE REACHED IN UNITED STATE-INDIAN RELATIONS.

MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IS DUE YOUR FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND ARTICULATE ADVOCATE, MR. SWARAN SINGH. I REGRET WE HAVE LOST HIM TO THE CAUSE OF DIPLOMACY. I WAS DELIGHTED TO RENEW MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVEN. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING A DINNER IN HIS HONOR IN WASHINGTON NOT THREE WEEKS AGO. HE HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED HIS SKILL AND HIS DEVOTION TO INDIA'S CAUSE IN THIS TRIPS TO WASHINGTON AS FINANCE MINISTER. I NOW WELCOME HIM TO THE RANKS OF A PROFESSION WHERE IT IS NOT ONLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME, BUT RARELY TO PLEASE ANY OF THE PEOPLE ANY OF THE TIME. THIS CONCLUSION, MR. MINISTER, I SHOULD SAY, IS
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REACHED WITH ONLY LIMITED EXPERIENCE ON MY PART, BUT I AM

TOLD BY THOSE WHO HAVE PRACTICED LONGER THAN I, IS ALL TOO TRUE. I MIGHT ADD THAT I WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH, WHOM I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF RECEIVING IN WASHINGTON REMAINS AT HIS POST AT THE MINISTRY. I KNOW HE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE INDIA WITH DISTINCTION.

IT IS MY HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE WELCOMED HERE BY YOU, MR. MINISTER, AND TO SEE HERE TONIGHT BOTH YOUR AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON AND OUR AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI. INDIA SETS A VERY HIGH STANDARD IN ITS APPOINTMENTS OF MINISTERS AND AMBASSADORS--A STANDARD OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE DIFFICULTY IN MATCHING. YOUR NOTED POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER, KAUTILIYA SET FORTH THESE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A MINISTER:

"NATIVE-BORN OF HIGH FAMILY, INFLUENTIAL, WELL-TRAINED IN ARTS, POSSESSED OF FORESIGHT, WISE, OF STRONG MEMORY, BOLD, ELOQUENT, SKILLFUL, INTELLIGENT, POSSESSED OF ENTHUSIASM. DIGNITY AND ENDURANCE, PURE IN CHARACTER, AFFABLE, FIRM IN LOYAL DEVOTION, ENDOWED WITH EXCELLENT CONDUCT, STRENGTH, HEALTH AND BRAVERY, FREE FROM PROCRASTINATION AND FICKLE-MINDEDNESS AFFECTIONATE, AND FREE FROM SUCH QUALITIES AS EXCITE HATRED AND ENMITY--THESE ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A MINISTERIAL OFFICER..."

AND THOSE FOR AN AMBASSADOR WERE SCARCELY LESS:

"LET HIM (THE KING) ALSO APPOINT AN AMBASSADOR WHO IS VERSED IN ALL THE SCIENCES, WHO UNDERSTANDS HINTS, EXPRESSIONS OF THE FACE AND GESTURES, WHO IS HONEST, SKILLFUL AND OF NOBLE FAMILY."

I WOULD ONLY DISAGREE WITH KAUTILIYA ON ONE POINT. HE FAILED TO MENTION HOSPITALITY. MRS. KISSINGER AND I HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITH EXTRAORDINARY KINDNESS IN NEW DELHI, JUST AS AMBASSADOR KAUL PRACTICES THE BEST OF INDIAN HOSPITALITY IN WASHINGTON. WE SINCERELY THANK YOU, MR. MINISTER, AND YOU, MR. AMBASSADOR, AND YOUR GOVERNMENT.

LET ME ADD A FEW WORDS ABOUT MY VIEW OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THIS VISIT IN RESPONSE TO THE KIND WORDS FROM YOU, MR. MINISTER.

IT HAS BEEN A CENTRAL OBJECTIVE OF US POLICY TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NEW AND PEACEFUL STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. WITH COUNTRIES WITH WHICH OUR RELATIONS HAD LONG BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY HOSTILITY AND CONFRONTATION--THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA--WE HAVE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE RELATION-
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SHIP BE CONCENTRATING ON AREAS WHERE WE COULD IDENTIFY MUTUAL MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. IN CARRYING FORWARD THIS PROCESS, WE SEEK NO CONDOMINIUM WITH ANY COUNTRY. WE SEEK INSTEAD A MORE OPEN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL COUNTRIES WILL HAVE A STAKE IN CONTRIBUTING TO AN PRESERVING THE OVERALL DESIGN.

IN SOME AREAS OF CONFLICT, WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED. IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, A LONG AND AGONIZING US PARTICIPATION IN HOSTILITIES HAS BEEN TERMINATED. WHILE THE

ISSUES THAT LED TO HOSTILITIES HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED, THE FUTURE OF THE AREA HAS BEEN LEFT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA TO WORK OUT. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE HAVE LONG-STANDING COMMITMENTS TO A JUST PEACE. AND WE HAVE WORKED THERE ACTIVELY TO PROMOTE NOT JUST ANOTHER TRUCE, BUT A LASTING SETTLEMENT. A SETTLEMENT THAT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES BECAUSE IT REFLECTS THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION.

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WHAT WE SEEK IN ALL OF THESE AREAS IS NOT A TENUOUS AND STATIC STABILITY, BUT A BASIS FOR COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS.

IN SOUTH ASIA, WHERE US INVOLVEMENT WAS MORE EXTENSIVE IN EARLIER PERIODS THAN IN RECENT YEARS, WE RESPECT THE EXPRESSED DESIRE OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO WORK OUT THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS LEFT BY THE EVENTS OF 1971. WE HAVE SUPPORTED THESE EFFORTS AND WE HAVE WELCOMED THE STEADY PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, I SHOULD LIKE AT THIS TIME TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VISION, STATESMANSHIP, AND SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION THAT HAVE BEEN EVIDENCED SO OFTEN IN THIS PROCESS.

THE UNITED STATES DESIRES--AND TODAY ENJOYS--GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA. WE SEEK PREPONDERANT OR EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH NONE. WE FULLY ACCEPT THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS THAT SOME SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES ENJOY WITH OTHER POWERS. AND WE WELCOME AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE INCREASED COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AND BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE,

OF COURSE, IMPORTANT DIMENSIONS BEYOND THE PURELY FORMAL
RELATIONSHIP OF THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS. AND SOMETIMES, THE
POSITIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS--PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO
DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING THIRD COUNTRIES--HAVE OBSCURED THE
UNDERLYING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TWO LARGE AND DIVERSE
DEMOCRACIES AND THE MULTITUDE OF PERSONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL
CONTACTS WHOSE ORIGINS GO BACK TO HISTORY.

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WE ALREADY ENJOY WITH INDIA, THE UNITED STATES DESIRES TO
BUILD A NEW AND MORE MATURE INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OUR GOVERNMENTS AND TO BROADEN OUR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL,
AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION MUST, OF
COURSE, BE BASED ON A RECOGNITION BY BOTH SIDES OF MUTUAL
ADVANTAGE. WE BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS ALREADY EXPENDED BY
REPRESENTATIVES AND LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES CLEARLY
INDICATE THAT BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZE A MUTUALITY OF INTEREST
IN IMPROVED RELATIONS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS INTEREST
WILL BE APPLIED TO THE SPECIFIC TASKS THAT LIE AHEAD. THESE
ARE TASKS THAT CANNOT, OF COURSE, BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR
OR PERHAPS EVEN IN ONE DECADE. A NEW, MATURE AND MUTUALLY
REWARDING RELATIONSHIP WILL TAKE MANY YEARS TO BUILD. FOR
OUR PART, WE ARE PREPARED TO DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THIS GOAL,
AND TO PERSEVERE, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE CONSTRUCTIVE UNITED
STATES-INDIAN RELATIONS CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION
TO PEACE AND WELL BEING IN THE WORLD.

BEARING THESE THOUGHTS IN MIND, WILL YOU JOIN ME
THEN, AS I RAISE MY GLASS TO THE HEALTH OF THE PRESIDENT
OF INDIA.
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